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White House Task Force for Disadvantaged Youth

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Dear Mr. President:

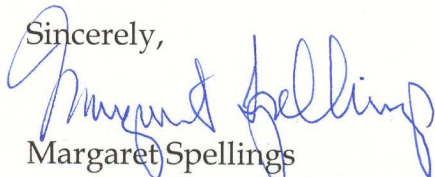
On behalf of the White House Task Force for Disadvantaged Youth, we are pleased to present you with our final report. As you directed, we have developed a framework for Federal youth policy that encompasses a comprehensive Federal response, under existing authorities and programs, to the problems facing America's youth, with a focus on enhanced agency accountability and effectiveness.

A hallmark of your Administration has been a deep concern to ensure that no child is left behind. While some have imposed "the soft bigotry of low expectations" on these children, we echo instead your call for high aspirations. We want them to grow up healthy and safe and ready to take advantage of all the opportunities that life has to offer.

Throughout this report, our recommendations strive to incorporate your philosophy of insisting that Federal programs produce results. Our report lays a strong foundation for accountability, so that in the future our investment in America's youth will produce returns that benefit every child.

As this concludes the efforts of the Task Force, we want to thank you for the privilege of serving you and the children of this great Nation.

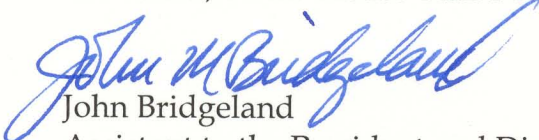
Sincerely,



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